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| Colorado Potatoes, per bushel | \$.55 |
| 3 cans Red Salmon | 25 |
| 7 lbs Navy Beans | 25 |
| 4 packages Prepared Buckwheat | 25 |
| Maple Syrup, per gallon | 65 |
| 5 gallon can Maple Syrup | 3.00 |
| 5 lbs large L. M. Raisins | 25 |
| 3 lbs Soda or Oyster Crackers | 25 |
| 3 lbs large California Prunes | 25 |
| Edam Cheese, each | 1.00 |
| 4 lbs Lima Beans | 25 |
| 6 lbs Green or Split Peas | 25 |
| 6 lb wood box Starch | 35 |
| Corn Starch, per package | 95 |
| 3 packages Imported Macaroni | 25 |
| 2 lbs Tapioca or Sage | 25 |
| 4 lbs Pearl Barley | 25 |
| 2 packages Rolled Oats | 15 |
| 2 lbs Cream Cheese | 25 |
| All Package Coffee, per package | 21 |
| 4 cans Oysters | 25 |
| 4 cans String Beans | 25 |
| 2 cans Mustard Sardines | 25 |
| 4 cans Oil Sardines | 25 |
| 2 cans Blackberries | 25 |
| 3 cans Gooseberries | 25 |
| 3 cans Strawberries | 25 |
| 2 cans Raspberries | 25 |
| 2 cans 3 lb Tomatoes | 15 |
| 2 cans Sweet Corn | 15 |
| 2 gallon pail Sugar Syrup | 40 |
| Large Pail Jelly | 40 |
| Good Teas, per lb. | 25 |
| 3 lbs Tea Dust | 25 |

MEATS AND LARD.

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| No. 1 Sugar Cured Ham, per pound | 10 |
| California Ham, per pound | 8 |
| Sugar Cured Breakfast Bacon, per pound | 10 |
| Boneless Ham, per pound | 10 |
| Dry Salt Sliced Meat, per pound | 7.5 |
| 4 pounds White Lard | 4.00 |
| White Label Lard in 3, 5 and 10 lb. cans, per pound | 10 |

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On account of our unprecedented large Christmas trade and the general shake up of our regular lines, we have not been able to get things straightened up so as to know just what we have left as yet. But we can say to you that we have about anything you want, and more goods arriving every day, and as usual, will be pleased to show you through our stock and give you the LOWEST PRICES you will find in the city.

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it pays
to trade at...

THE FAIR.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Out of every nine sudden deaths reported eight of the number are men. Over 1,000,000 pawn tickets for sums under 10 shillings are issued weekly in London.

A 225 ounce gold nugget in the shape of a horseshoe has been discovered at Hargraves, Australia.

There are not more than 25 Chinese women in New York. They carefully avoid the public gaze.

Some of the direct calamities that have befallen the old world are traced to the destruction of forests.

Hungary glass furnaces are built in the forests, which are used for fuel. When the nearby timber is gone, a new furnace is built.

It has been ascertained by experiments in the feeding of corn and wheat to hogs that corn makes lard, and that wheat makes lean meat.

A Bangor man bought a large tract of land for \$150 some years ago and sold it to another man for \$20,000, who subsequently cut off \$300,000 worth of logs.

Probably the largest existing painting, excepting panoramas, is one in the salon of the doges, in Venice. It is by Robsta and is 84 feet long by 24 feet wide.

An English judge dismissed an indictment against a pickpocket who had thrust his hand in a man's empty pocket on the ground that there was nothing to steal no offense was committed.

IN SOCIETY CIRCLES.

Miss Theresa Rossington Gives a Large Party at Library Hall.

GENERAL NOTES OF SOCIETY.

Personal Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Topeka.

One of Topeka's most charming belles, Miss Theresa Rossington gave the largest reception and dancing party of the season at Library hall, last evening, in celebration of her twentieth birthday. The always pretty young lady lent herself readily to the artistic touch of dainty hands, and the decorations art, and were transformed into an appearance more homelike, than could be imagined even by the most present. Beginning at the foot of the stairs, the balustrade was wound with evergreen, which wreathed it to the top and all the way to the entrance of the ladies' dressing room. On each landing of the stairs stood graceful palms in pots covered with pretty crimped crepe white paper frills and screens added to the homelike air and a tete-a-tete on the second landing completed the pleasant picture. At the entrance to the hall stood a dainty table with a bowl of pink roses resting on it. In the southeast corner behind beautifully embroidered screens and plants Professor Buck of Lawrence led the excellent orchestra. In the opposite corner of the room the receiving party stood on a handsome rug in front of a luxuriant banking of palms. From the door, as the guests entered, the scene was bewilderingly beautiful. Long festoonings of evergreen hung from every light and other available place of drapery. Wreaths of the same were scattered here and there; and everywhere gleamed the red berries of holly and the paler ones of mistletoe. Carrying out the color scheme of red, shades of the same warm hue threw a rosy glow about and red caruations lent their delightful fragrance to the air. The stage made an ideal banquet room with its profuse decorations of green and red. The table was most daintily beautiful.

Long sprays of asparagus fern interlarded each other diagonally across it, and red carnations were scattered carelessly over the white linen. Rows of red ribbon decorated the banquet dishes, and rich red shades were on each of the brilliant silver candelabra. Immediately in front of the stage among a profusion of plants was a small table resplendent with cut glass from which lemonade was served during the evening. The little room on the north side of the stage made a resting place for tired dancers, where cushions and settees were tastefully disposed and a shaded lamp threw a soft light appropriate for a tete a tete. The south room was fitted up as a card room, where those who did not dance might while away a quieter hour.

The fair hostess and her sister, Col. W. H. Rossington, were assisted in receiving their guests by Mesdames W. A. L. Thompson, H. P. Dillon, and T. J. Kellam. Miss Rossington was attired in an imported gown of liberty silk broadened in tones of pink and silver. Her dress was made of soft folds of delicate pink crepe and a garniture of pink hyacinths. The dainty waist was outlined with the crepe with a fluffy bow at the back. Mrs. Kellam wore white china silk figured in violet, trimmings and sleeves of violet velvet. Mrs. Dillon was attired in canary colored silk with ruffles of lace and chiffon, collarlette of pale blue; Mrs. Thompson in handsome light taffeta silk. Over three hundred guests paid their respects to the receiving party and wished Miss Rossington many returns of the day.

Among the out-of-town guests were Lieutenants Krauthoff and Peterson, of Leavenworth; Misses Lou Taylor, Edna Darrah, Marie Atchison, Messrs. Edward McElmole, Thomas Fenlon, Jr., Walter Clough, all of Leavenworth; Miss Lulu Strang and Miss Della Moreland, of Wichita; Miss Anna Ocheltree, of Olathe; Mrs. A. S. Johnson, of Chicago; Mrs. A. E. Dickey, of Omaha.

Miss Atchison wore green and white taffeta silk; Miss Taylor, white silk crepe; Mrs. Johnson, black silk and lace; Miss Darrah, godet skirt of red taffeta silk, waist of white silk mull and carried hyacinths; Miss Ocheltree, white silk; Miss Strang, cream crepe, with garniture of lace and ribbons; Miss Moreland, black broadside silk, ruffles of lace; Mrs. Dickey, black satin satin.

Miss Lakin's Coming Out.

One of Topeka's most hospitable homes was thrown open to friends on Wednesday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Lakin received their friends, to present to society their lovely daughter, Miss Mary Lakin, who has just returned from abroad. The beautiful and spacious rooms were in holiday attire. Palms, Christmas greens, holly leaves, and the foliage of mistletoe formed the element of green, while holly berries and red carnations made a color picture, pleasing to the eye. The arrangement of the decorations was especially artistic. Above each door was a fretwork of evergreen, the lamps and gas jets were prettily dispersed here and there, among the draperies of the hall, reception room and library. Just off the wide hall near the entrance to the dining room, was a cozy nook, where tete-a-tete draped with Roman scarfs, and rugs invited guests to rest.

A venetian lamp with its disks of blue, and amber glass, swung back and forth and told of the young hostess's vision to the orient, as did the antique Tuscan lamps of brass burning olive oil, with their snuffers of brass swinging at one side.

In the dining room the three large chandeliers were draped in green and shaded with red; the curtains were hung with holly, a fringe of white-cordoned wall. Streamers of red ribbon depended from the chandelier to the table glass. The centerpiece was a cut glass bowl of carnations. Dainty Dresden doilies and plates, also souvenirs of Miss Lakin's tour were on the table.

Mr. and Mrs. Lakin and Miss Lakin were assisted by Mrs. Lakin's sisters, Mesdames Hugh Ross and J. M. Meade; Mrs. Harry Ashby and Mrs. P. L. Soper assisted in the dining room, and Miss Sallie Kearney, Mrs. Paul Hudson, Miss Moon, Miss Frances Moon, Mrs. W. N. West, Miss Gibson and Miss Dienst assisted throughout the rooms and served lemonade from the dainty table in the hall. Mrs. Lakin received her guests in black satin with pink collar; Mrs. Ross, in blue silk with silver dress of point despret, Mrs. Meade, in black satin. Miss Lakin was a winning debutante in simple white silk mull, her graduation gown, carrying pink and white car-

nations. Mrs. Soper wore red and black satin; Mrs. Ashby, green and white stripe taffeta silk; Mrs. West, white satin and chiffon; Mrs. Paul Hudson, white silk, veiled in chiffon, embroidered with dainty Dresden figures; Miss Dienst, pale blue silk, pearl trimming; Miss Gibson, yellow broadside silk, trimmings of black; Miss Moon, white crepe, garniture violets around the neck; Miss Frances Moon, white swiss, blue sash; Miss Kearney, pale green organdie, decollete, pearl trimming.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McQuiston entertained friends at their comfortable home a half mile east of Berryton last Tuesday evening.

The enjoyable event was given in honor of Miss Carrie Sheldon and her sister, Miss Anna, who is home from Manhattan for her vacation. They were assisted by Cyrus McQuiston and Lottie Sheldon.

Those present were Miss Emma Newman of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. John Davy and son Frank, the three Misses Asbury of Topeka, Wm. Paul of Pauline, Clara Havelkotte, Charles Henderson, Elna and J. Hotchkiss, Allie Carnahan, Bert Thresher, Bertha Havelkotte, Everett Edgar, Rachel Hagill, Charlie McQuiston, Mrs. M. Pomerton, Wm. Havelkotte, Miss Martin, Mr. Arthur Allen, George and Clarence Allen, James Lottie and Nellie McCutlay, Marie Rafter, Geo. Zerkle, Miss H. Peterson, Ezra Tevis, Miss Hall, Will Reese, Rosa, Mabel and Hayden Waters, Russell Sheldon, David Rhinhart, Solomon Koder, Lida and Charlie Knox, Nellie Bowers, and Hugh Carnahan.

General Social Notes.
The ladies of the Hebrew Benevolent society gave a children's party Wednesday evening at the rooms of the Harmony club. Sixty little folks enjoyed the dancing and the delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake served by the ladies. Master Melvin Wolfe and little Rhea Cashman led the grand march to the music of Steinberg's orchestra.

On New Year's day Mesdames Jonathan Thomas, George M. Noble, T. B. Sweet, J. L. Shellabarger, C. Hammett, Richard Gundry, L. D. Whittemore, J. R. Mulvane, W. C. Campbell, Lon Davis and Miss Sallie Crosby, assisted by a number of young ladies, will receive at the Y. M. C. A. parlors. In the evening there will be a programme at the rooms.

Minor Social Mention.
Mr. Jesse Wickham of Philadelphia is the guest of Topeka friends.

Miss Lulu Strang and Mrs. Della Moreland of Wichita are the guests of Mrs. Moreland's sister, Mrs. A. A. Hurd. Mr. Samuel Lakin of Bloomfield, Ia., is the guest of his brother, Mr. D. L. Lakin.

Miss Mabel Gage of Oakland, Cal., is the guest of her uncle, Mr. G. G. Gage. Miss Anna Ocheltree of Olathe is visiting Miss Beattie Gibson.

Senator McTaggart has taken rooms in the Vesale block.

The Superbas will give their New Year's party at Wetherell's hall on New Year's eve, instead of New Year's night.

Mr. Wetherell will postpone his class party which was to have been given that evening.

The Iroquois club gave a pleasant party last evening at Wetherell's hall. Refreshments were served and dancing enjoyed till a late hour.

The Superbas' young people pleasantly surprised Miss Mollie and Annie Crane at their home on Tuesday evening. Cards and dancing formed the chief amusements of the evening, and the flow of Christmas mirth and jollity was at full tide. Refreshments were served and a very merry Christmas enjoyed.

Last evening at the Union Pacific hotel a very enjoyable dancing party was given by the North Topeka young people. The dining room was utilized for dancing and delicious refreshments were served upstairs in the parlors. About sixty young people spent a most enjoyable evening.

STAGE GLINTS.

Grace Filkins is to play Nell Berry in the "Shore Acres" company.

The Nellie Chandler Women's orchestra is now on tour. There are 16 players in it.

Maurice Barrymore and Virginia Hurned will star jointly in "The Dancing Girl" next season.

A manager, calling the attention of traveling companies to the attractions of his house, states that it is lighted with gas.

Paderewski is going back to England, and he is booked for a recital in Glasgow next month. He is to play in several provincial towns.

"A Student of Salamanca," adapted from the Italian by Alexander Salvini and Paul Kester, has just been added to Mr. Salvini's repertory.

In addition to "Ole Oleson," "Pete Petersen" and a few other alliterative pieces, there is a Swedish comedy on the road styled "Swan From Sweden."

Strange as it may seem, that curious and reckless hodgepodge, "A Trip to Chinatown," has made a hit in London and has passed its seventy-fifth night there.

Patti has admitted to being born in 1843. Yet she has not forgotten "The Last Rose of Summer," for she sang it in London at a \$5 concert, and the people wanted more!

Mr. Tree announces as his American repertory "A Bunch of Violets," "John a-dreams," "The Red Lamp," "The Baited Manger," "Hamlet" and "Merry Wives of Windsor."

Among the companies that have gone to the wall within a few days are "Sawney River," the Paris Gaiety Girls, the Royal Entertainers, the American Players, the Hawk Opera Troop, "Bootsie's Baby," "Gettysburg" and "Josh Sprucey."

Parties using soft coal in furnaces or stoves would do well to give the Frontenac lump or egg coal a trial. It is equal to the so-called semi-anthracite, and can be delivered for a much lower price. This coal is prepared especially for domestic use, and is for sale only by THE SOUTH-WESTERN FUEL COMPANY, 634 Kansas Avenue.

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ATTRACTIVE NEW GOWNS.

The gown on the right is of peachblow grosgrain with six bias folds and lace. The corsage is puffed and garnished with lace. The other is of empress cloth and laid in heavy plaits on skirt and corsage.

EX-GENCIES OF SPELLING.

It Was Just About as Easy as Rolling Off a Log.

A professional man of this city whose learning has the correct college brand entered the office of a prominent business house and found the three members of the firm deep in consultation.

"Excuse me," he said, turning to leave, but he was hastily called back. "You are just the man we want to see," said one of the partners as he poised a pen in the air. "We are in doubt and hope you can assist us."

The professional man thought he scented a case of embezzlement, but he only said aloud: "Kind to be of service. What is the difficulty?"

"Let me state the situation," said the senior partner. "We do not agree at all. I am convinced I am right, but neither Jones nor Smith is of my opinion."

"Is it a case of?" "Spelling," interrupted Mr. Jones. "We have a word we want you to spell."

"Oh-h-h," said the professional man, with a groan. "I am very tired and must go home to lunch. Any other time?"

"Oh, it won't detain you a minute. The word is— and he syllabified it off. "Oh, that's easy enough." You mean a place of general merchandise. Why, that is b-i-z-a-r-r-e—easy as rolling off a log!"

"Good heavens, man, that is the thirteenth way I've heard it spelled today. I spell it b-a-a-z-a-r. Now, if that isn't right, what is?"

"I tell you," said Smith, "there are two z's and one a in it. I'm dead sure of that." "But you the figures," said Jones, "that we are all of us wrong. Run in next door, Jimmy, and borrow a dictionary and get one that's up to date."

When the boy returned with the book, Jones looked up the word. "Clear it is," he said, with a chuckle. "It's spelled here b-a-z-a-r. Come on, boys, and have a smoke."—Detroit Free Press.

Too Deep.
A man entered a barber shop, tilted his head back on the rest of a chair and said he wanted to be shaved. The barber went to work.

"In luck at last," said the man whose face had been soaped. "How's that?" asked the barber. "Oh, just won \$700 at a poker game," replied the contented man in the chair.

"That's good." "Think it was, but that's not all," continued the customer. "My partner has just struck a claim worth well out in Montana, and she is flowing 150 barrels a day."

"The man in the other chair looked up. "Yes," continued the customer, "she is flowing 150 barrels a day. I got another telegram today from the old boy."

"Still flowing?" "Nicht—that is to say, my partner was so struck on that calm vein that he bored another well in order to fill orders."

"Strike again?" "Nicht." "No more broth?" "Nicht." "What was the trouble?"

"Well," continued the customer, "you see, Sam bored too deep and struck a vinegar lead. This hole stopped all over, ran into the claim broth mine and jammed the whole shooting match. Still Montana is a great state. Go out there some day."—Chicago Herald.

Contemptuous.
Some men are skeptical as to the value of small things. They seem to share the opinion of the old lady in a New England town who declared that she would rather be trampled under foot by an elephant than sent by a mouse.

A revolver of the smallest caliber was exhibited one day in a city of the "wild west" by a young man newly arrived from the east.

He had expected the trapper to whom he was proudly displaying it to be filled with admiration, but the big man viewed the weapon not only with indifference, but even with contempt.

"Don't you like it?" asked the young man at last. "Like it?" exclaimed the trapper, on whose weather-beaten features disgust was plainly written. "If a fellow ever shot me with that snakin' little pistol, and I knew it, I'd be ready to kick him, sure!"—Youth's Companion.

Tabernacle Hall.

The Benevolent lodge has installation of officers and supper New Year's night at 112 east Sixth street. Admission 10 cents. Come one, come all.

Hard Times Snap \$15,000

Worth of Boots and Shoes at the BOSTON SHOE COMPANY to be sold out at once. Look at our fine show windows.

Ladies' Fine French Kid Dongola Button Congress \$2.00 Shoes. \$2.75.
Ladies' Fine French Kid, in hand turned and hand sewed \$2.00 Shoes.

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Ladies' Fine Dongola Kid \$2.50 Shoes, \$1.59.

Ladies' Fine Dongola Kid and Goat Shoes, 95 cents.
Misses' and Children's School Shoes, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

Children's and Infant's Shoes, 15 to 25 cents.
Misses' Rubber, 15 cents.
Men's Fine Kangaroo and Cordovan \$3.00 Shoes.

Men's Fine Patent Leather Razor Too \$7.00 Shoes. \$3.50.
Men's Dongola and French Calf \$5.00 Shoes, \$4.00.

Men's Fine Calf Shoes, heavy double sole for work shoes, worth \$3.00 and \$4.00, for \$2.00.
Men's Welt Sewed \$2.50 Calf Shoes, \$1.50.

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